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TAGS: BENC, KS

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: SECOND SUBWAY

REF: SEOUL 7006

1. USDOC/MEPD CONTACTED RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS AT GE, WESTINGHOUSE, AND WABCO RE BID DEADLINE EXTENSION. WABCO JOINS GRS IN MAKING REQUEST. IN FACT, WABCO HAD REQUESTED KOREAN FIRM WITH ;HIGH IT NEGOTIATING REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT (NOT SAM SONG) TO CONTACT EMBASSY DIRECTLY AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE ARRANGING 30 DAY EXTENSION. HOWEVER, WABCO WOULD PREFER 60 DAYS, IF POSSIBLE. FYI: WABCO-UNION SWITCH AND SIGNAL INFORMS US THAT, WHILE IT HOPES REACH AGREEMENT WITH KOREAN REP, AS OF AUGUST NINE, NO SUCH ARRANGEMENT EXISTS.

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2. WESTINGHOUSE REPRESENTATIVE HAD NO INTEREST IN

EXTENSION BUT DID NOT OBJECT TO USG REQUEST. FYI: HE INFORMED USDOC THAT WESTINGHOUSE HAS NO INTENTION TO BID PROJECT WHETHER OR NOT EXTENSION COULD BE ARRANGED. END

FYI.

3. BOTH USDOC AND GE PUZZLED BY EMBASSY STATEMENT THAT GE IS POSSIBLE BIDDER. ACCORDING TO COMPANY REP, FIRM IS NOT PRIME CONTRACTOR FOR SIGNALLING/TRAIN CONTROL PACKAGES. IT IS, HOWEVER, INTERESTED IN VARIOUS TYPES OF ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS THAT MIGHT BE USED IN SECOND SUBWAY AND DID SUPPLY SEVERAL TYPES OF EQUIPMENT FOR WMATA IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER U.S. RAIL SYSTEMS. COMPANY REP WONDERS WHETHER POST MAY BE CONFUSING GE WITH GEC OF BRITAIN WHICH DOES HAVE EXPERIENCE IN SYSTEMS WORK OF THIS TYPE.

4. VIEW FOREGOING, BOTH POTENTIAL U.S. BIDDERS CLAIM THEY CANNOT MEET DEADLINE AND USDOC REITERATES EARLIER REQUEST THAT EMBASSY APPROACH OSROK WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION. VANCE

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